

Highlights summary of the 2020 State of the Province Address



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The Lekgotla concluded that the **socio-economic infrastructure represents a cardinal prerequisite for economic growth**.

Job creation, particularly targeting youth and women, is a pre-eminent with quarterly reporting on job creation, apprenticeships, learnerships, internships, EPWP, and Community Based Programmes by all government departments.

The SIU is conducting fraud investigations at the North West Development Corporation and the North West Department of Public Works and Roads.

The North West to take part in and benefit from the opportunities of the **smart city development** announced by the President during the SONA.

The Provincial Growth & Development Strategy which shall be anchored on **4 (four) Provincial Strategic Development Corridors** to drive the North West's participation in and contribution to the national effort to grow the economy in line with the District Development Model.

1. BOJANALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

- a. The **Eco-Tourism Corridor in the Bojanala District**, supported by the **Special Economic Zone (SEZ)**, the **automotive industry in the Madibeng area** and the **mining business opportunities** across the district; representing the first of those corridors.
- b. **The Platinum Valley Special Economic Zones Programme** is intended to create a new mining supply that speaks to capital equipment manufacturing, renewable energy, agro-processing zone and general manufacturing in the Mogwase Industrial Area. The Presidency and the DTIs involved in the process to seek collaboration and investment opportunities around the SEZ and other economic projects in Bojanala and other District. Five Black Industrialists are operating on site and nine investor companies have shown interest a creation of about 1076 jobs is envisaged.
- c. Feasibility of a **University of Technology in in Rustenburg** is investigated to provide specialized skills demanded by automating mining industry and to support the growing commercial economy of the region. In discussion with the **Presidency's Infrastructure Development Unit**,

2. Dr KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

- a. The N12 corridor in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District should achieve a deliberate spatial development **integration of Matlosana and Tlokwe** by **directing commercial and residential developments towards the N12 to integrate the economies of the two towns.**
- b. Seek mutually beneficial **solutions as mining activities in the area decline.** A unique community development project and mining SMME funding initiative through partnership with ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI is discussed.
- c. **The N14 development in Ventersdorp** has been launched with the appointment of contractors.

3. DR NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

- a. In discussion with the Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA) to provide technical support and management of Mahikeng Airport Development precinct to develop into a viable aerotropolis to connect the North West to the rest of South Africa's economy and the world.
- b. Provincial Government will support the initiative to resuscitate Mahikeng's economy through investment in social and economic infrastructure.
- c. Through our MoU signed with the North West University, we are prioritizing focus on education and learning, capitalizing on the comparative advantage of the Ngaka Modiri Molema District and Mahikeng in particular.

4. DR RUTH SEGOMOTSI MOMPATI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

- a. An important strategic agricultural area for the North West Province and has negatively been impacted by drought which threatens many people's livelihoods.

We have adopted **North West Growth Acceleration Programme (NW-GAP)** to grow and accelerate high growth potential SMME's. This programme also serves as a feeder to the National Gazelles Programme of the Department of Small Business Development, aimed at improving the uptake of the North West Province's SMMEs

An amount of **R5 million** has been set aside for the **Business Rescue Programme.**

Programme is to **support informal traders in all the four districts through business development interventions** and provision of business tools and equipment in partnership with local municipalities, Informal Traders Associations and SEDA. The Cooke's Lake Information Centre, with the exception of the existing office block, will be used to host a permanent flea market and R8 million has been set aside through funding by the Department of Small Business Development.

Implemented the **multi-tenancy Office Park complex for Mahikeng** with the PIC to develop an office park on the Agri-Centre office park site to accommodate at least three Department that are in dire need of office space in Mahikeng.

Implementation of the **SMME sub-contracting programme** aimed at poverty alleviation and development of our local SMMEs.

The **North West University Business School** has agreed to collaborate with Provincial Government by jointly tackling the important task to **build skills & capacity of the state for efficient service** delivery and to expose the youth to relevant cutting edge skills required in the world of 4th Industrial Revolution .

Two **digital incubators** will be rolled out in the 2020/2021 financial year valued at a total joint of **R16 million**; namely the Mafikeng Innovation Hub in Mahikeng and the **Leema Township Incubator in Mogwase (NWDC Trade and investment is assisting LEEMA)**.

In as far as implementation of the Fourth Industrial Revolution is concerned, 235 017 out of 855 847 (27.5%) learners have access to information through connectivity.

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